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SUBJECT: EC ENERGY COUNCIL: FRG COMMENT

1. IN A CONVERSATION MAY 24, ECONOMICS MINISTRY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANTZKE GAVE US HIS INTERPRETATION
OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROLONGED STAND- OFF AT THE
EC ENERGY COUNCIL BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE OTHER 8 MEMBER
STATES ON THE QUESTION OF WHICH COMES FIRST -- MARKET
ORGANIZATION OR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. LANTZKE
BELIEVES THAT THE FRENCH OBJECTIVE IS TO BE THE MAJOR
VOICE IN AN EVENTUAL EC ENERGY POLICY. HE SURMISES
THAT THERE HAS BEEN A HIGH- LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION
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IN PARIS THAT THE WAY TO PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE IS TO INSIST THAT THE EC MARKET BE ORGANIZED ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRESENT FRENCH SYSTEM. SINCE THE PRESSURE POINT AT THE MOMENT IS OTHER MEMBERS' DESIRE TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH THE US AND JAPAN, THE FRENCH MINISTER INSISTED THAT AGREEMENT ON ORGANIZATION OF THE EC ENERGY MARKET HAD TO PRECEDE THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

2. LANTZKE NOTED THAT AT THE COUNCIL SESSION ALL EC MEMBERS HAD AGREED ON THE NEED OF GREATER SUPERVISION OF MARKET AND PRESSED THE FRENCH MINISTER TO DEFINE WHAT FURTHER ELEMENTS OF MARKET ORGANIZATION THE FRENCH REQUIRED. IN RESPONSE THE FRENCH MINISTER MERELY REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES A GENERAL STATEMENT ON THE NEED FOR MARKET ORGANIZATION AS NOW PRACTICED IN FRANCE, I. E. THE WHOLE SYSTEM. LANTZKE SURMISED THAT THE FRENCH ENERGY EXPERTS MAY NOT BE CLEAR AS TO HOW THE FRENCH SYSTEM CAN BE ADOPTED ON AN EC- WIDE BASIS, BUT THEY ARE, HE SAYS, APPARENTLY OPERATING UNDER A POLITICAL DECISION THAT AN EC ENERGY MARKET WILL BE A FRENCH MODEL, OR NONE AT ALL.
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